

KAYFORD TOURS

- From March-November, Keeper of the Mountains Foundation, a 501c3 non profit located in the heart of West Virginia, hosts 2,000+ students from various colleges, universities and community organizations across the United States on Kayford Mountain annually.
- In order to continue providing our weekly scheduled tours, KOTM is seeking a minimum of \$10,000.
- KOTM donations have been on a chokehold due to the original domain name of our website being stolen by another organization. This event caused massive online confusion, weakened our connection to donors, and forced us to create a new domain, a new website, and rebuild our donor database.
- The Kayford Mountain tours have been a service to our community for over 20 years and they continue to be one of our greatest ways to educate others on the devastation of Mountain Top Removal. It is one experience to look at a photo of an entire mountain destroyed.

It is quite another experience to stand at the edge and look down upon what was once an entire ecosystem, blown apart and unreclaimed with surrounding communities dying of cancer and other health related issues due to the runoff and waste poured into streams that feed the wells of our drinking water.



Above: Elon University on Kayford Tour



Left: A family shows the water from their sink due to runoff contamination from Mountain Top Removal.

Below: an image of what was the entirety of Kayford Mountain



- This program continues to grow and connect us with other like-minded organizations working in the field of conservation vs. reclamation. The Kayford Mountain tours allow us the opportunity to reclaim the minds and hearts of young Appalachian natives and other concerned visitors to show them that they are sacred threads in the fabric of life, and to us, that is the first step in reclaiming the land that gives us life.